

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to National Weather Service records, there have been at least 18 fatalities due to rip currents along the North Carolina coast since 2000; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Lifesaving Association, over 2,000 people have been rescued from rip currents by lifeguards along North Carolina beaches since 2000; and

WHEREAS, citizens from across the state enjoy the ocean beaches, and inexperienced swimmers on unguarded beaches need to be especially aware of the hazard of rip currents; and

WHEREAS, people are more likely to be protect themselves when they know what to do when they are affected by rip currents; and

WHEREAS, Lifeguards, County and State Emergency Management, NOAA Sea Grant and National Weather Service teams are actively promoting rip current safety with signs, rip current forecasts, and other education programs; and

WHEREAS, June 3-9, 2007, has been designated National Rip Current Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of June 3-9, 2007, as "**RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of rip currents and how to stay safe.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.